

# LOVELY ISLES OF PERPETUAL SUMMER

## Bermudas, the Honey-moon Isles, Unaffected by War From the Tourists' Standpoint

**B**ERMUDA had a somewhat stormy fall, following an unusually warm summer, so every one, from the oldest inhabitant to the youngest aspirant for fame as reliable weather prophet, is looking for a fairly calm and pleasant winter. Business men have got over the first stress of anxiety brought about by war conditions and have busied themselves with their characteristic enterprise in securing, despite war conditions, the latest and finest products of English manufacturers in every line. Nor have the shippers of goods in the lands of Britain's allies been ignored, nor the products of neutral European countries.

While business conditions may not quite be as usual, yet the array of attractive offerings dear to the feminine shopper will this year be quite as worthy of attention as in other years, when the principal topic of conversation was the number of passengers coming on the boat this trip from New York and the prospects for the next sailing, and such things as the horrors and inconveniences of war were non-existent.

Last winter the interruption in the steamship service was regrettable but unavoidable, but this year this most important factor in the welfare of Bermuda and the comfort and convenience of visitors to its hospitable shores has received legislative attention, and Bermuda's Parliament has caused contracts to be entered into which will provide a fine ship, the *Evangeline*, to ply between New York and Hamilton, Bermuda, at nine day intervals. That always reliable and fast sea boat the *Bermudian* will also operate on the same route at weekly intervals, so that the opportunities for coming and going (both boats being operated by the same company, the *Quebec Steamship Company*, 35 Broadway, New York) will be such that even those whose time or funds will not permit of a lengthy visit will be able to spend at least a few days in a British island fortress in war time. If they want to forget that war is

on they may saunter along the lovely white coral roads for which the islands are famous, rest under shady, fragrant cedar trees, wander at will over brilliant white coral beaches, paddle, swim, dive, row, sail, fish or anything in, on or through Bermuda's crystal clear waters—in fact, do nothing all day long and keep busy while doing it.

Bermuda's great claim on visitors is the rest giving properties of its climate. Many Americans who own homes in the islands are already taking up their abode for the winter, and more will soon follow, for the hotel season is now opening. The Princess opened on December 13 and the Hamilton is expected to open early this month. All over the country, as well as in the towns, hotels and boarding houses are receiving guests and in-

The harbor at Hamilton, Bermuda, by moonlight.



Enjoying the tropical fruits of the sunny Bahamas.

Dolphins, Spanish mackerel and giant houndfish abound in Bahaman waters, and there are absolutely virgin fishing grounds within small boat sailing distance of Nassau.

More sportsmen are answering the siren call of these fascinating islands of the Bahamas group each winter, and little wonder, with such famous sports as Watling's Island, Andros, Killarney, Fox Hills, Granttown, the Lake of Fire, Bermuda Pool and other points of more than local fame.

Nassau is graced with fine coral roads and the motorist who is not

possessed with the devouring of great distances will enjoy the many entirely unusual and tropically beautiful drives. And what a satisfaction to the inner man to ride through a country with grapefruit, oranges, sapodillas, shaddock, pawpaw, coconuts, bananas and pineapples growing on every hand.

While there is practically no four footed game in the Bahamas—winged quarry there is in abundance. The lakes and lagoons, both in New Providence and the Out Islands, attract all manner of water fowl, with canvas-back ducks predominating. On several nearby ways wild pigeon shooting is exceptionally good.

Eastern Parade Ground is almost always in use for some sport or other, and English Rugby football has

## Fine Steamer Service Assured for Winter by the Addition of the Fast Ship *Evangeline*

American baseball are offered there each week on certain designated days. These games are usually well attended, and as the *Parade* is easily reached and there is no admission fee, a great many visitors turn out regularly to see the play.

Semi-professional baseball between teams brought down from the United States has made the American pastime a fixture in the Bahamas.

## A NOBLE PATRONESS OF SPORT

**T**HE COUNTESS OF MINTO, wife of the late Earl Minto, whose death occurred two years ago and whose engagement to Lord Kintore has lately been hinted at, then denied, was one of the first women in Canada to make winter sports popular. Lady Minto at the time her husband was Governor-General of Canada, was one of the most delightful and popular women in Ottawa. Her tastes were in the line of winter sports, and she was always enthusiastic over the Canadian winter sports, which she affirmed were far ahead of those of Switzerland, and was most active in them. Earl and Lady Minto always paid a winter visit to Quebec, where they occupied the viceregal quarters at the Citadel, and here Lady Minto frequently made a trip over the *Cote Fields* in the Eskimo dog team's charming sledge belonging to the *Chateau Frontenac*.

During the occupancy of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Rideau Hall at Ottawa has had its private open air skating rink directly behind the great mansion, and here the principal events of Ottawa society are the skating parties given by His Royal Highness, who skates extremely well himself. The skaters are in a wonderfully graceful manner, and in her skating costume of orange velvet skirt and black velvet coat with black fox fur and the inevitable Canadian fur cap she makes a charming picture as she skates upon her silver skates. Lady Aberdeen is also an ardent patron of winter sports, and she will probably be seen at the Canadian resorts this winter on her return from the South.

## WINTER TOURING IN AMERICA

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Down the east coast, with their fifteen trunks apiece, go the American society woman and the American man of leisure, who do little else but flit from resort to resort, and the titled foreigner, who seeks an American girl for his wife.

The east coast tourist is not a sealer after rest. Society simply transplants itself from Boston, New York and Philadelphia to the east coast and spends three or five weeks, wearing the fifteen trunks full of clothes and attending the various functions that are replicas of metropolitan entertaining.

The beaches, almost as white and smooth as marble, are the outdoor playgrounds. At Palm Beach and St. Augustine they sit on the beaches or rather at around and Daytona they hold motor races on the sand and at Miami they sail and fish. The sensuousness of the climate gets into the blood and indolence reigns. Entertaining at the big splendid hotels is delightful, spending the mornings on the beach, boating is interesting, having tea under the palms and orange trees is charming, dancing in the great ballrooms of the hotels is amusing—it all fills the days and the evenings.

The completion of the Panama Canal has been the most vivifying American influence of the past year. It inspired the greatest exposition that the United States has ever held and laid the foundation of permanent western travel. The Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco was to celebrate the world's greatest commercial and engineering feat. America gave of her best to this exhibit and all the foreign countries would have poured their riches of commercial achievement into the lap of California had not the war prevented. California threw open every door to welcome and lavishly entertain her guests of the year. The railroads made special rates that enabled travellers of all classes to go from the Atlantic to the Pacific, seeking for the first time the most wonderful scenery in the world.

The mind of the average Easterner was never quite able to grasp the stupendous development of the West till this past year, and now the echoes of awed admiration are rolling back from the Pacific to our Eastern coast. Chicago was to many of our Atlantic seaboard people, the only West they knew, so when the tourist trains bore their thousands of travellers across the plains of Iowa and Nebraska and the people beheld the mountains of Colorado, the *Keyzers*, beautiful lakes and cascades of Yellowstone Park, the National Park of the State of Washington and finally reached California, the land of the giant redwood trees, they had learned that their own America really was the most wonderful place in the world. The success of San Francisco's exposition is to be repeated at San Diego and much that was finest at the more northern city's exhibit has been transferred to San Diego. When one reads of the remarkable development, of her wealth, educational advantages, commercial and social life, the mind turns back instinctively to Dana's "Two Years Before the Mast." His prophecy of one hundred years ago has come true and the city that he imagined was possible because of San Diego's exceptional climate and harbor now stands as a monument to his seafaring power

and California's keen perception of possibilities.

Going to the Pacific coast is no longer a pioneering trip, but is just another of our comfortable sight seeing trips to see a people who have been drawn miles nearer us as a result of their kindly hospitality. There was a time, and not so many years ago, that luxurious ocean travel necessitated a trip abroad, but now the trip to the island resorts in our Southern waters is accompanied with all the elaborate comfort of a voyage to Europe.

It is difficult to decide which one of the several trips to our island resorts is most apt to please the visitor from the North.

For the tired business man who wants to spend less than two weeks away from home the Bermuda trip is probably the most satisfactory. The sea voyage of forty-eight hours takes the traveller to a semi-tropical island. The island is governed by officers and employees of the English Government and the local trade is conducted by the West Indian negro. To the Northern traveller this is a strange and interesting municipal combination.

It is only a little trip from the west coast of Florida to Cuba and the other West Indian islands, but this short trip brings you into a land with many characteristics of southern Europe. In Florida there is only a vestige of Spanish influence left, but at Havana, Cuba, the language and architecture are saturated with the Spanish influence. Houses built around open courtyards, latticed windows and balconies, cool flowing fountains and brilliantly painted doors all suggest Spain. Of course here as in all the places where American men and money have come in to build up some particular line of business the American influence is felt, but only in a business way, Cuba still clings to her language, to some of her habits of dress and eating. The Havana Country Club is the most American institution on the island. The clubhouse is the social centre for the winter guests, and the fine golf links are the especial pride of this island resort.

By going from the Spanish tinged islands of Cuba, Jamaica and Santo Domingo to the Bahama Islands, which are British possessions, one can experience a perfectly new set of impressions. A British Governor-General presides at Government House, with the dignity of an English lord, and outside of the fine big American owned and managed hotels the island is steeped in English customs and influences.

## BAHAMAS A WONDERLAND OF WARM WEATHER SPORTS

**N**ASSAU, the Bahamas, has long been recognized as one of the winter sporting centres of the world, but just how wide the range of sport is there is known to comparatively few. Nassau enjoys an almost unbelievably equable climate, the temperature during the winter averaging 72 degrees Fahrenheit.

Only those who have actually been in the surf at Nassau can have any real conception of what bathing there means. But imagine transparent turquoise water that is never too cold the winter long; beaches hard and clean and coral pink; skies almost monotonously blue; and a flood of tropical sunlight pouring its healthful daily benediction over all.

Visiting experts have pronounced the four dirt courts of the Hotel Colonial without superior in the world for surface, windscreens and background. Tournaments are of practically weekly occurrence and the Bahamas championship in February at-



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Le Gallienne do some big game fishing at Nassau, the Bahamas.

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## NASSAU-BAHAMAS

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